

**CITY OF COPPERAS COVE  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15 2005 - 7:00 P.M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor, Bradi D. Diaz called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Copperas Cove Texas to order at 7:05 p.m.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Gatewood gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. ROLL CALL**

**ALSO PRESENT**

Bob Reeves  
Ray Don Clayton  
John Gallen  
James Stockman  
R. Ray Gatewood  
Bud Owsley  
Annabelle Smith

Steven J. Alexander, City Manager  
Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary  
James R. Thompson, City Attorney

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member Smith

- March 26<sup>th</sup> – The 126<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Copperas Cove, everyone is invited.

**E. PUBLIC RECOGNITION – None.**

- F. CITIZENS' FORUM** citizens are allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters, matters under litigation, or matters on the regular agenda, for a length of time not to exceed five minutes per person. Thirty minutes total has been allotted for this section.

Colleen Ezell, 307 Pinto Drive, Copperas Cove. Expressed a desire to see alcohol sales in Copperas Cove, and also stated she thought that Copperas Cove needed an ice skating rink.

**G. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on approval of minutes from the February 1, 2005, Regular City Council Meeting. ***Pamela J. Russell, City Secretary***

2. Consideration and action on authorizing the City Manager to enter into a depository contract with National Bank. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

3. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2005-06 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, reject, alter or terminate a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Texas Association of Regional Councils, for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) grant in the approximate amount of \$20,000. **Jeri Denniston, Grants Administrator/Budget Analyst**

Council Member Gallen made a motion to approve consent items G-1, G-2, and G-3. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

**H. PUBLIC HEARINGS/ACTION – None.**

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration and action on Resolution No. 2005-05, supporting the establishment of The Word of Life Substance Abuse Center in Nolanville, Texas. **R. Ray Gatewood, Council Member**

Council Member Stockman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2005-05. Council Member Reeves seconded the motion. Council Member Owsley made a motion to amend the motion to approve the resolution with the specification that approving the resolution does not commit any finances from the City to this organization requesting support. Council Member Clayton seconded the motion.

Council Member Gatewood read the following statement: Madam Mayor and fellow Council Members, substance abuse and addictions are a national health crisis affecting millions of individuals. An estimated 15.9 million Americans age 12 years and older, were current drug users in 2001. Yet, in the same year, 75% of people in need of treatment did not seek, or did not receive the needed treatment. Clearly the toll that substance abuse on our families, our friends and our communities is immeasurable, but with facilities like this one that is proposed tonight, recovery is indeed possible. Every day throughout the United States, men, women and children are entering treatment facilities and are beginning the road to recovery. A resolution from this city supporting the idea of an inpatient substance abuse center in the central Texas area will demonstrate that Copperas Cove indeed cares about the plight of people who are addicted to various substances, and it will show that our community stands with Nolanville, Killeen, and other communities who are drafting similar resolutions of support. Madam Mayor, I request that the text of my statement of support be added to the record. Thank you.

Motion to approve the amendment to the Resolution: with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

Motion to approve the amendment to the motion: with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

2. Consideration and action on authorizing street closures during calendar year 2005 for the Copperas Cove Downtown Association, Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, Olan Forest Smith, VFW Post No. 8577 and Ladies Auxillary and Police Department's National Night out "Kick Off Party 2005". **Tim Molnes, Police Chief**

Tim Molnes, Police Chief, gave an overview of agenda item I-2. Council Member Smith made a motion to approve agenda item I-2. Council Member Owsley seconded the motion, and with a unanimous vote, motion carried.

## **J. STAFF REPORTS**

1. Financial Report for the month ended November 30, 2004. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance, gave the financial report for the month ended November 30, 2004, by providing a copy of the report to each Council Member.

2. Financial Report for the month ended December 31, 2004. **Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance**

Robert Camareno, Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance, gave the financial report for the month ended December 31, 2004.

3. Presentation of Annual Reports for the Police Department and Animal Control. **Tim Molnes, Police Chief**

Tim Molnes, Police Chief, gave a presentation of the Annual Reports for the Police Department and the Animal Control Department. The City Council was provided with a copy of the annual reports for the Police Department and the Animal Control Department.

## **K. REPORTS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – None.**

## **L. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS – None.**

Mayor Diaz announced the City Council would adjourn from the regular meeting to enter into executive session at 7:39 p.m.

## **M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Pursuant to §551.087 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session for deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations. *(1) to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations*

2. Pursuant to §551.072 of the Open Meetings Act. *Tex. Gov't Code*, Council will meet in Executive Session to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

**N. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RESULTING FROM ANY ITEMS POSTED AND LEGALLY DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Diaz announced the City Council had reconvened at 8:30 p.m., and stated that Executive Session items M1 and M2 were for information only, and no action would be taken

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Diaz stated the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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Bradi D. Diaz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Pamela J. Russell, TRMC, CMC, City Secretary